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specification: continuous regulating of the switching frequency is described in the specification at page 7, lines 7-17; especially lines 11-13. Claim 32 calls for the frequency to be regulated continuously. In contrast, Harvey uses a frequency that is never adjustable, but merely set; see Harvey page 2, lines 98-105. Therefore, claim 32 is not taught or suggested by Harvey.

In view of the foregoing, reconsideration and allowance of claims 2-5 and 7-20, and 30-33 are solicited. In the event the Examiner should still find any of the claims to be unpatentable, please telephone counsel so that patentable language can be substituted.

Petition for extension is herewith made. The extension fee for response within a period of one month pursuant to Section 1.136(a) in the amount of \$410 in accordance with Section 1.17 is enclosed herewith.

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